Geographical Region	Location	Category	Functions
-do-	Amritsar	Sub-Regional Office	Export oriented
North-East India	Guwahati	Zonal Office	Development oriented
-do-	Jorhat	Regional Office	-do-
-do-	Silchar	-do-	-do-
-do-	Tezpur	Sub-Regional Office	-do-
-do-	Agartala	-do-	-do-
South India	Coonoor	Zonal Office	Development oriented
-do-	Kottayam	Regional Office	-do-
-do-	Cochin	-do-	Export oriented
-do-	Madras	Sub-Regional Office	Promotion and liaison oriented

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Country	Location	Category	Functions
United Kingdom	London	Foreign Office	Promotion and export oriented
United Arab Emirates	Dubai	-do-	-do-
Belgium	Brussels	-do-	-do-
USA	New York	-do-	-do-
Russia	Noscow	-do-	-do-

Price of Sugarcane

*305. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to fix up Rs. 1000/- per tonne as price of sugarcane taken by sugar mills; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for common pool sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) Statutory Minimum price of sugar cane is being determined, as before, taking into account the recommendations of commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

(b) Levy sugar for public distribution is already being contributed to by the entire, sugar industry save those units entitled to exemption under the incentive scheme.

Amount paid as legal Fees by ITPO

*306. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:"

(a) whether it is a fact that record amount has been paid as legal fees by ITPO during the last two years;

(b) if so, the amount paid as legal fees in 1994-95 and in the current year upto 31st July, 1995;

(c) the dues still to be paid to the lawyers by ITPO;

(d) whether Government have withdrawn the legal action against the employees of ITPO who were victimised during this period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The legal expenses incurred by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) appear to be reasonable and account for a small percentage of its total expenditure. The details are as follows:

Year	Legal expenses	Total expenditure	Legal expenses as % of Total expenditure
	(In lakhs)	(in lakhs)	%
1993-94	4.51	4272.56	0.11
1994-95	3.20	7974.00	0.04

A sum of Rs. 3.22 lakhs has been disbursed as legal expenses in the current year (1995-96) until 31.7.1995. However, out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 2.43 lakhs relates to bills of the previous year (1994-95). Besides, bills, for Rs. 4.16 lakhs have been received and are pending consideration.

ITPO is a company registered under Article 25 of the Companies Act. It has a Board of Directors which is responsible for the administration of its affairs. Government do not normally interfere in the day to day management of the affairs of the ITPO.

ITPO has reported that no legal action has been taken against any employee of the ITPO without sufficient grounds.

Export of Homeopathic Medicines

*307. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Homoepathic medicines are being exported; and

(b) if so, the total foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Value of exports of homeopathic medicines during the last three years, country-wise major markets:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Country	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Australia	0.24	0.68	0.09
Banglades	5.51	3.37	7.92
Belgium	9.14	—	—
C.I.S.	13.05	—	—
Denmark	62.34	—	—
Germany	12.62	3.27	9.00